

Wednesday, June 18, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committees ordered reported 17 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution, as follows: S. 929–936, and S. Res. 102.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 797, to amend the John F. Kennedy Center Act to authorize the design and construction of additions to the parking garage and certain site improvements. (S. Rept. No. 105–30)

S. 858, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

S. 936, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces.

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Measures Passed:

Denial of Veterans' Benefits: Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 923, to deny veterans benefits to persons convicted of Federal capital offenses and, by a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 106), the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Specter Amendment No. 414, to limit convictions to Federal capital offenses.

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Drug-Free Communities Act: Senate passed H.R. 956, to amend the National Narcotics Leadership Act of 1988 to establish a program to support and encourage local communities that first demonstrate a comprehensive, long-term commitment to reduce substance abuse among youth, clearing the measure for the President.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Frank M. Hull, of Georgia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit. **Page S5949**

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—106) **Page S5924**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 6:24 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 19, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5947.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. AGRICULTURAL EXPORT POLICY

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings to examine United States agricultural trade policy issues and the importance of trade to U.S. economic prosperity, after receiving testimony from Daniel R. Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; and Charlene Barshefsky, United States Trade Representative.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations approved for full committee consideration

an original bill making appropriations for foreign assistance programs for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 936) authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, and to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces; and

S. 858, authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

RECONCILIATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

CHINA-UNITED STATES TRADE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee resumed hearings to examine emerging trade issues in China, focusing on United States-China trade imbalances and the renewal of China's Most-Favored-Nation status, receiving testimony from Stuart E. Eizenstat, Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs; and Robert B. Zoellick, Fannie Mae, and Alan Tonelson, United States Business and Industrial Council, both of Washington, D.C.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Science, Technology, and Space concluded hearings to examine the current status and goals of the International Space Station program of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after receiving testimony from Daniel S. Goldin, Administrator, and Malcolm L. Peterson, Comptroller, both of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Thomas J. Schulz, Associate Director, Defense Acquisition Issues, National Security and International Affairs Division, General Accounting Office; Marcia S. Smith, Specialist in Aerospace and Telecommunications Policy, Science Policy Research Di-

vision, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Lawrence J. DeLucas, University of Alabama, Birmingham.

LAND EXCHANGE AND BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENTS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management concluded hearings on S. 587, to provide for an exchange of lands located in Hinsdale County, Colorado, S. 588, to provide for the expansion of the Eagles Nest Wilderness within the Arapaho National Forest and the White River National Forest in Colorado, to include land known as the State Creek Addition, S. 589, to provide for a boundary adjustment and land conveyance involving the Raggeds Wilderness, White River National Forest in Colorado, to correct the effects of earlier erroneous land surveys, S. 590, to provide for a land exchange within the Routt National Forest in Colorado, S. 591, to transfer the Dillon Ranger District in the Arapaho National Forest to the White River National Forest in Colorado, S. 541, to provide for an exchange of lands with the city of Greeley, Colorado, and the Water Supply and Storage Company to eliminate private inholdings in wilderness areas, S. 750, to consolidate certain mineral interests in the National Grasslands in Billings County, North Dakota, through the exchange of Federal and private mineral interests to enhance land management capabilities and environmental and wildlife protection, S. 785, to convey certain land to the city of Grants Pass, Oregon, and S. 881, to provide for a land exchange involving the Warner Canyon Ski Area and other land in Oregon, after receiving testimony from Senator Allard; Mat Millenbach, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Robert C. Joslin, Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems, and Ellie Towns, Director of Lands, both of the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Mayor Vern Nelson, Greeley, Colorado; Paul Schray, City of Grants Pass, Oregon; and Richard Domingue, Trout Unlimited, Morrison, Colorado.

RECONCILIATION/NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee completed its review of certain spending reductions and revenue increases to meet reconciliation expenditures as imposed by H. Con. Res. 84, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, and agreed on recommendations which it will make thereon to the Committee on the Budget.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Kevin L. Thurm, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary, and Richard J. Tarplin, of New

York, to be Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Health and Human Services.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia concluded hearings on S. 314, to require the Federal Government to procure from the private sector the goods and services necessary for the operations and management of certain Government agencies, after receiving testimony from Senator Thomas; Representative Duncan; John A. Koskinen, Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Capt. Burton Streicher, CEC, USN, Director, Navy Outsourcing Support Office; Charles S. Davis III, Chamberlain, Davis, Rutan & Valk, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, former Associate Administrator for Operations, General Services Administration; Samuel D. Klienman, Center for Naval Analyses, Alexandria, Virginia; and John N. Sturdivant, AFL-CIO, Washington, D.C.

HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHINA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration concluded hearings to examine the scope of human rights violations in China and the United States response to these abuses, including proposed changes in U.S. immigration law and related provisions of S. 810, proposed China Sanctions and Human Rights Advancement Act, after receiving testimony from James R. Lilley, University of Maryland, College Park; and Wu Xuecan, China Strategic Institute, T. Kumar, Amnesty International USA, and Kim R. Holmes, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

FDA REFORM

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported, S. 830, to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and to authorize funds for prescription drug user fees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 9 public bills, H.R. 1950–1958; 1 private bill, H.R. 1959; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 100 and H. Res. 168, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1316, to amend chapter 87 of title 5, United States Code, with respect to the order of precedence to be applied in the payment of life insurance benefits, amended (H. Rept. 105–134);

H.R. 1775, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, amended (H. Rept. 105–135 Part I);

H.R. 858, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a pilot project on designated lands within Plumas, Lassen, and Tahoe National Forests in the State of California to demonstrate the effectiveness of the resource management activities proposed by the Quincy Library Group and to amend current land and resource management plans for these national forests to consider the incorporation of these resource

management activities, amended (H. Rept. 105–136 Part I); and

H. Res. 169, providing for consideration of H.R. 1119, to authorize appropriations for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 for military activities of the Department of Defense, to prescribe military personnel strengths for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 (H. Rept. 105–137).

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Journal Vote: By a recorded vote of 355 ayes to 50 noes, Roll No. 209, agreed to the speaker's approval of the Journal of Tuesday, June 18.

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National Sea Grant College Authorization: By a yea-and-nay vote of 422 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 208, the House passed H.R. 437, to reauthorize the National Sea Grant College Program Act.

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Agreed to the Committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, made in order by the rule, as amended.

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Agreed to:

The Farr amendment that authorizes the Sea Grant International Program through FY 2000;

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The Tauzin amendment that provides up to \$3 million in competitive grants for university research